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DEPARTMENT FOR AID/SER/INC AND SER/FM, ARA AND S/NM

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SUBJECT: NARCOTICS ASSISTANCE: REQUEST FOR FUNDS

REF: 76 STATE 285277

1. MISSION REQUESTS AUTHORIZATION TO ADVANCE DOLLARS SEVENTY-FIVE THOUSAND TO OFFICE OF THE ATTORNEY GENERAL (AG) UNDER THE TERMS OF THE NOVEMBER 22, 1976 LETTER OF AGREEMENT, TO DEFRAY ADDITIONAL COSTS OF EXTENDING APRON AREAS AND CONSTRUCTION OF HELICOPTER PADS TO SAFELY ACCOMMODATE FLEET AT NEW HANGAR FACILITY IN CULIACAN.

2. THERE IS A CONSENSUS AMONG AVIATION ADVISOR FORD, MAINTENANCE TECHNICIAN KARMAN, AND ROTARY WING FLIGHT INSTRUCTOR CARSON, WHO HAVE BEEN SERVING AS CONSULTANTS FOR NEW HANGAR, THAT HARD SURFACE APRON EXTENSION ON EITHER END OF HANGAR FOR FIXED WING AND ROTARY WING AIRCRAFT WITH ADDITIONAL HELICOPTER PADS WITH POWER, AIR AND WATER CONNECTIONS, IS AN IMPERATIVE SAFETY AND EFFICIENCY FEATURE BASED ON THE KNOWN NUMBER OF AIRCRAFT BASED AND SERVICED IN CULIACAN DURING THE PEAK OF THE ERADICATION CAMPAIGN TWICE A YEAR.

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3. RECENT MEETINGS WITH EXECUTIVE OFFICER BAEZA AND AG SENIOR STAFF, SHORTLY AFTER A FIELD TRIP TO CULIACAN TO INSPECT WORK PROGRESS OF HANGAR, REVEALED AG BUDGET ALLOTMENT OF DOLLARS APPROXIMATELY ONE HUNDRED AND SIXTY THOUSAND WAS OUTSTRIPPED BY INFLATIONARY PROCESS, PLUS LOW ESTIMATES MADE BY PREVIOUS ADMINISTRATION ON CONSTRUCTION OF PLATFORM, INSTALLATIONS, FURNISHINGS, WATER

SOURCE, ETC. BAEZA REQUESTED FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE IN THIS PRIORITY PROJECT AND MISSION CONCURS.

4. REQUESTED ACTION: THAT WASHINGTON APPROVE AUTHORIZATION TO ADVANCE AG OFFICE REQUESTED AMOUNT AND PROVIDE OBLIGATION NUMBERS. THE USUAL SUBMITTAL OF SUPPORTIVE DOCUMENTS TO SUBSTANTIATE ALL DISBURSEMENTS WILL BE FOLLOWED. ADVISE URGENTLY. THOMPSON

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